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ABSTRACT

Today, many children enter early childhood programs with home languages other than English. This videotape explores the importance of supporting children's home language, while helping them learn English, and gives strategies for helping children become bilingual learners. The 21-minute video provides a rationale for developing both languages, focusing on the impact of young children losing proficiency in their home language for family relationships. The optimal time for introducing English to young children is described as a parental decision. The video presents several strategies for helping children become bilingual learners, including using a content-based curriculum, developing close parent-school relationships, and having the home language present in the school through parents or volunteers. (KB)

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